



"6'21" Jim Porter" towers over Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson. "Jim Porter's Louisville" will be staged at the Old Fashioned Fourth of July at 2 pm.

Bicentennial Celebration

Crescent Hill celebrates Kentucky's Bicentennial at the Old Fashioned Fourth of July, with an appearance by "6'21" Jim Porter", videos on the history of Crescent Hill, the 1937 Ohio River flood and Fontaine Ferry Park, and an evening concert of Bluegrass music.

"Jim Porter's Louisville" tells the story of James D. Porter, who lived from 1810 or 1811 (there's some dispute about that) to 1859 in Louisville. Up until the age of 17, Porter was referred to as "Little Jim", an undersized boy who rode as a jockey at Elm Gardens racetrack. At 17, Porter began an amazing growth spurt, topping out at age 21 at 7'9". Porter owned the Lone Star Tavern. Actor Gregory Acker's portrayal of the Louisville legend is set in the tavern and features much of Louisville's early history.

In addition to "Jim Porter's Louisville", Kentucky's Bicentennial will be celebrated at the Old Fashioned Fourth of July with hourly screenings of three historical videos: "Crescent Hill: Water, Rails & Fairs", "The 1937 Flood: Hell & High Water"; and "Fontaine Ferry: Louisville's Magic Kingdom." The videos are sponsored by the Louisville Historical League and will be shown from noon to 6 pm in the Peterson-Dumesnil House.



The Bicentennial celebration ends with a concert of Kentucky's own music: Bluegrass. Popular band New Horizon will perform from 8:30 - 10:30 pm on the stage on the Peterson-Dumesnil House grounds.

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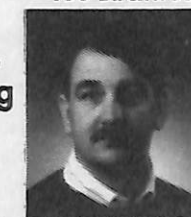
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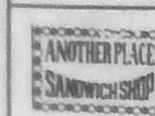
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